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## Balloon release to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week

*(Indianapolis, Ind.)* The Marion County Prosecutor's Office will commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week at a balloon release on April 22 at the Indianapolis City Market outdoor plaza. Organized by the office's victim advocates, the event will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A brief presentation with remarks by Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department Assistant Chief James Waters, and Debra Watson, mother of homicide victim Thomas "D.J." Keys, is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m. followed by the release of dozens of balloons in honor of the victims and survivors served by the office each year.

The 2015 observance of National Crime Victims' Rights Week will take place April 19-25. The 2015 theme is Engaging Communities, Empowering Victims and many local events scheduled during week present the opportunity to highlight diversity in our community, expand partnerships to serve victims of crime, enhance efforts to meet victims where they are, and empower crime victims as they pursue justice and recovery.

**What:** Balloon release commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week

**When:** Wednesday, April 22  
11:00 a.m. – Partner booths open  
12:00 p.m. – Presentation and balloon release

**Where:** Indianapolis City Market  
Outdoor Plaza  
222 E. Market St.

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office victim advocates serve an important role, helping victims access critical services and guide them through the prosecution process. Specialized advocates assist victims of domestic violence and sex crimes as well as the families of homicide victims. Approximately 10,000 cases are assigned to the advocates each year.

For additional information about the 2015 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, visit the U.S. Department of Justice Office for Victims of Crime website, [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov).

To learn more about the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, please visit [www.indy.gov/MCPO](http://www.indy.gov/MCPO) or contact [mcpo@indy.gov](mailto:mcpo@indy.gov).